

ROCKVILLE SCHOOL BUILDING

AL-VI-B-081

Rockville Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1880

The Rockville School Building is believed to have been built circa 1880 as a result of a 1869 state law that provided for the decentralization of education. The old school basically consists of a one story, five bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure that has been remodeled. By 1881, every community in the county had at least one school; these schools were limited to the first four grades. This particular school was a one room house that provided basic education to the community.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rockville School Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18 Rockville Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Leonard Wilson

Telephone #: 463-2038

STREET & NUMBER

18 Rockville Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 452

Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rockville School Building is located along the east side of Rockville Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County and is one block east of Route 36.

The old school basically consists of a one story, five bay wide rectangular shaped frame structure. A rear entrance wing with shed roof abuts the main block on the eastern side. The frame structure is covered by asbestos shingles and the entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with plain water table. The roof of the building is hipped and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The eaves include a wide soffit and plain trim. One cross-gable dormer is found on the front west side, and serves as an entrance-way. Windows in the structure are all replaced and are various forms of picture and sliding windows. The entrance to the old school is located on the front western side and exhibits a completely replaced entrance-way. The entrance is covered with a gabled roof hood which is supported by square columns with a brick base. One replaced metal chimney is located on the inside end of the east side.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been drastically altered when renovated into a private residence.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1880 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rockville School Building is believed to have been built circa 1880 as a result of a 1869 state law that provided for the decentralization of education.¹ "Insufficient financial support hurt the system throughout its early years,"² and many of the schools were makeshift log cabins. However, with the help of fund raising efforts of students and citizens, and land donations by some mining companies, new buildings gradually went up. By 1881, every community had at least one school.³ These initial buildings were usually restricted to use for the lower school levels and were limited chiefly to the first four grades.⁴ The Rockville School was a one room school-house, and provided the local community with the basic education of reading, writing and arithmetic.⁵

The old school house has been drastically remodeled to serve as a private residence; however, it remains a cultural reminder of educational means once found in Allegany County.

1 Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West VA. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 263

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

4 Ibid, p. 265

5 Interview with Leonard Wilson, February 8, 1977

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West, Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

DATE: February 8, 1977REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Rockville School BuildingLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 18 Rockville Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WestNAME OF OWNER: Leonard Wilson 463-2038ADDRESS: 18 Rockville StreetLonaconing, Maryland 21539

STORIES: 1(X) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(X) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear shed roof Originally 1 room buildingDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(X) Other: Coverings Asbestos

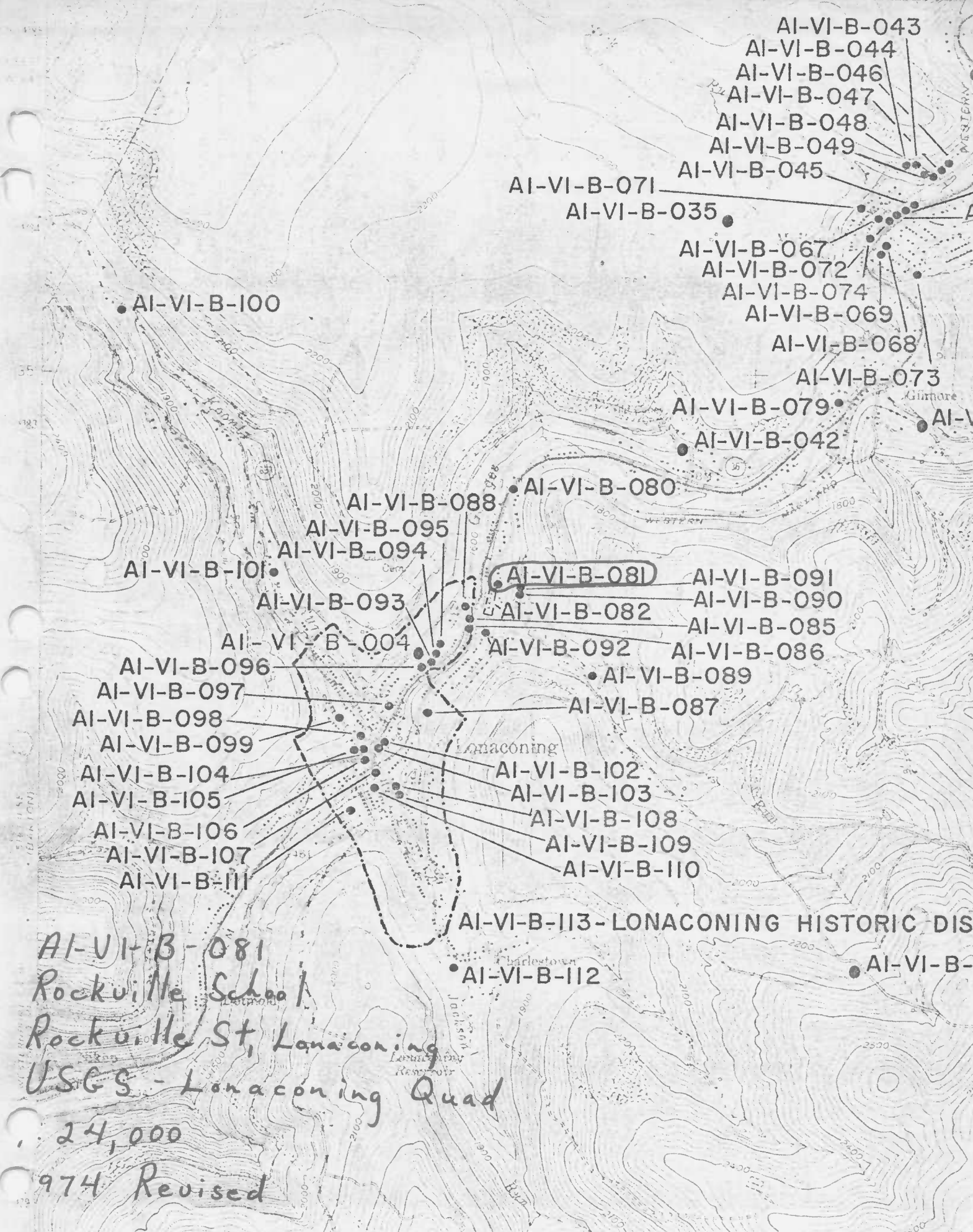
WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERSFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(X) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WestHARDWARE: original() replaced(X)FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN ReplacedPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip() gable() 1 Bay

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Private HomeSignificance - Old Lonaconing SchoolDate Constructed - 1880Condition - Fair - Good



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Rockville School
Rockville St, Lonaconing
USGS - Lonaconing Quad
24,000
974 Revised



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2/18/77

north east

John Nelson



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Rockville School Building

18 Rockville St.

Memorandum

2/8/77

Northwest

John Nelson